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The concise explanation of relevance of the non-English language references is found in the translations of the abstracts of each of the Japanese language reference abstracts and search report. See MPEP §609 A(3).

Applicants respectfully request that the examiner consider the enclosed reference materials in the examination of this application.

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It is therefore believed that the Examiner will concur with applicant's belief that the subject matter presently claimed is neither anticipated nor rendered obvious by such references.

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